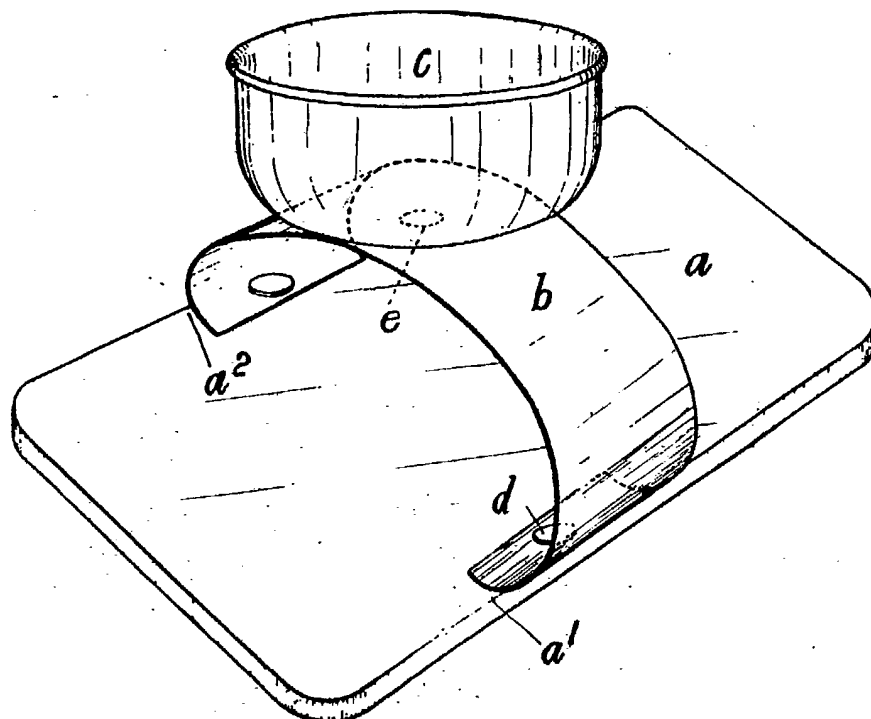


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# PATENT SPECIFICATION



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## PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

### Improvements in and relating to Appliances for Playing a New or Improved Game.

We, HERBERT ARNOLD RIMMER, of 21, Baldwin Avenue, Knightswood, Glasgow, and JOSEPH BUNNELL BLOSSOM, of 149, Sauchiehall Lane, Glasgow, both British Subjects, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

This invention has reference to improvements in and relating to appliances for playing a new or improved game.

According to this invention an improved appliance for playing a game comprises a bat member provided with a retaining band, strap or the like having a cup or other receptacle adapted to catch and retain a shuttlecock, tailed-ball, ball or the like.

The bat member may be made of any suitable material, such as ply-wood, wood, card-board, metal, papier-mâché, or the like and consists of a plate or disc of rectangular, square, polygonal, round, oval or other shape or configuration having a flat surface. The retaining band may be made of any suitable material such as elastic, leather or the like, or of metal or textile material. The ends of the band may be secured or attached to opposite points of the edge of the bat member. Desirably the bat member is of flat rectangular shape and one end of the band is secured, it may be by means of a rivet or the like, at or adjacent to the mid point of one of the longer sides of the rectangle, the other end of the band being secured, similarly at or adjacent to the mid point of the other longer side of the rectangle. The band is of such a length that the hand of the player may be inserted between the bat member and the band with the palm of the hand adjacent to the bat member and the band passing over the back of the hand, the bat member being

held firmly against the palm of the hand. Instead of a band, which may be of elastic material, other suitable means may be adopted to hold the bat member firmly against the palm of the hand of the player. For example, the band may consist of a strap provided with a suitable buckle or other fastening means.

The cup or other receptacle is fitted in any convenient manner to the band so that when the hand of the player is inserted between the band and the bat member the cup or the like projects from the back of the band or hand. The cup may be secured to the band by a rivet or rivets or otherwise permanently or removably or the band may pass through two slits or slots in the bottom of the cup so that the cup may be slidably connected to the band so that the position of the cup on the band may be adjusted. Alternatively the cup may be secured to the bat member by providing the cup with a stem or neck part which is secured or attached to the bat member and is adapted to be passed between the fingers of the player, the band being dispensed with.

In use a player may propel a shuttlecock or the like to another player by means of the bat member and one or other of the players may attempt to catch the shuttlecock in the receptacle. Or a player may propel a ball or the like against a wall or the ground and on the rebound attempt to catch it in the cup or the like.

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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

### Improvements in and relating to Appliances for Playing a New or Improved Game.

We, HERBERT ARNOLD RIMMER, of 21, Baldwin Avenue, Knightswood, Glasgow, and JOSEPH BUNNELL BLOSSOM, of 149, Sauchiehall Lane, Glasgow, both British Subjects, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the

same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention has reference to improvements in and relating to appliances for playing a new or improved game.

An appliance, according to this invention, for playing a game comprises a bat member provided with a band, strap, or the like whereby said member may be held firmly against the palm of the hand of the player and a cup or other receptacle carried by said band or the like adapted to catch and retain therein a shuttlecock, tailed-ball, ball or the like. Desirably the bat member consists of a flat plate member and the retaining band is connected by its ends to opposite edges of said member and is of such a length that the hand of the player may be inserted between said band and plate member.

The accompanying drawing is a perspective view of an appliance for playing a new or improved game constructed in accordance with this invention. This appliance comprises a bat member *a* provided with a retaining band, strap or the like *b* having a cup or other receptacle *c* adapted to catch and retain a shuttlecock, tailed-ball, ball or the like, not illustrated.

The bat member *a* may be made of any suitable material, such as ply-wood, wood, card-board, metal, papier-mache, or the like and consists of a plate or disc of rectangular, square, polygonal, round, oval or other shape or configuration having a flat surface which in the drawing is the undersurface, not seen. The retaining band *b* may be made of any suitable material such as elastic, leather or the like, or of metal or textile material. The ends of the band may be secured or attached to opposite points of the edge of the bat member. Desirably the bat member *a* is, as illustrated, of flat rectangular shape and one end of the band *b* is secured, it may be by means of a rivet or the like *d*, at or adjacent to the mid point of one of the longer sides *a*<sup>1</sup> of the rectangle, the other end of the band *b* being secured, similarly at or adjacent to the mid point of the other longer side *a*<sup>2</sup> of the rectangle. The band *b* is of such a length that the hand of the player may be inserted between the bat member *a* and the band *b* with the palm of the hand adjacent to the bat member and the band passing over the back of the hand, the bat member being held firmly against the palm of the hand. Instead of a band,

which may be of elastic material, other suitable means may be adopted to hold the bat member firmly against the palm of the hand of the player. For example, the band may consist of a strap provided with a suitable buckle or other fastening means.

The cup or other receptacle *c* is fitted in any convenient manner to the band *b* so that when the hand of the player is inserted between the band and the bat member the cup or the like projects from the back of the band or hand. The cup may be secured to the band by a rivet *e* or rivets or otherwise permanently or removably or the band may pass through two slits or slots in the bottom of the cup *c* so that the cup may be slidably connected to the band *b* in order that the position of the cup on the band may be adjusted. Alternatively the cup may be secured to the bat member by providing the cup with a stem or neck part which is secured or attached to the bat member and is adapted to be passed between the fingers of the player, the band being dispensed with.

In use a player may propel a shuttlecock or the like to another player by means of the bat member and one or other of the players may attempt to catch the shuttlecock in the receptacle. Or a player may propel a ball or the like against a wall or the ground and on the rebound attempt to catch it in the cup or the like.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of our said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

1. An appliance for playing a game comprising a bat member provided with a band, strap or the like whereby said member may be held firmly against the palm of the hand of the player and a cup or other receptacle carried by said band or the like adapted to catch and retain therein a shuttlecock, tailed-ball, ball or the like.

2. An appliance as claimed in claim 1 comprising a flat plate member, a retaining band connected by its ends to opposite edges of said member and of such a length that the hand of the player may be inserted between said band and plate member and a cup or other receptacle carried by the said retaining band.

Dated this 26th day of February, 1930.

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